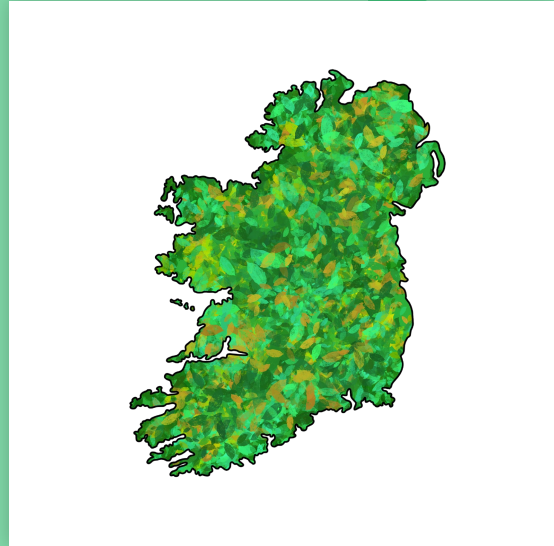


# The Story of St Patrick



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St Patrick was born in Britain around the year 400A.D

When he was 16, he was captured and forced to go to Ireland.



He became a slave and was forced to work as a shepherd. It was a hard and lonely job. Every day he prayed to God to help him escape.

After a number of years, he had a dream that God was calling his name and telling him to escape.



He was very scared because he knew it would be dangerous to escape. But he missed his family.

He did as God said and escaped to a waiting ship.



When he was reunited with his family, he had another dream. The people of Ireland were calling his name. They were asking him to come back to Ireland and tell them about God.



He left Britain again, and became a monk.  
He was sent to Ireland to tell the people about  
God. In Ireland people did not like him because  
his God was different to their gods.



St Patrick found a Shamrock on the ground and explained that this plant with the 3 leaves is like the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



St Patrick was also known to be the man who drove the snakes out of Ireland.



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He died on 17<sup>th</sup> March 461, and that is why we celebrate St Patrick's Day on 17<sup>th</sup> March every year. People wear green on St Patrick's Day because it is Ireland's national colour. We use the shamrock because St Patrick used it in his teachings about God.



# Happy ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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